

# Housing Development

## Recommendation 1

Initially focus on Forrester Street,  
Galveston Place, Halley Terrace and  
Danbury Street

## Solution 1

Respond to vacant, abandoned and  
distressed properties by providing  
Housing Improvement Services

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## DHCD Action 1

- Identified owners of 22 abandoned and/or vacant properties located on Galveston, Forrester and Halley Terrace.

## DHCD Action 2

### Coordinated DCRA Code Enforcement

- Identified and demolished three properties with structural damage

62 Forrester St. SW (four-unit apartment bldg.)

64 Forrester St. SW (four-unit apartment bldg.)

17 Forrester St. SW (8 unit apartment bldg.)

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## Coordinated DCRA Code Enforcement – Vacant Property Registration

- Twenty eight (28) properties on Forrester Street SW, Galveston Place SW, Danbury St. SW, and Halley Terrace SE
- Two responded (but failed inspection)
- By March 15, vacant properties not registered will be considered delinquent and the owners assessed a \$1,000 fine



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## DHCD Action 2

### Coordinated DCRA Code Enforcement

- Identified owners willing to bring properties back on line
  - Cited 71 and 73 Forrester St. SW as dangerous and unsafe
  - Owners intervened to save buildings for renovation.
- DCRA will inspect other Bellevue properties once the vacant properties are abated

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## Recommendation 2

Provide support for owner occupied renovations

## Solution

Assist multi-family property owners (4 units+) improve their buildings

## DHCD Action 1

Provide technical assistance to owners of multi-family apartments, including 4 unit building under the Apartment Improvement Program.

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## Recommendation 3

Provide for affordable housing opportunities

## Solution

Provide safe, decent and affordable rental and purchase properties by bringing abandoned and vacant properties back on line

Provide current residents with resources to achieve rental and homeownership goals

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## DHCD Action 1

Inventoried all vacant and abandoned properties and are in the process of mailing letters to owners asking if they are interested in selling

## DHCD Action 2

Awarded a Housing Counseling Services grant to Lydia's House to assist current residents address homeownership and rental needs.

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## Housing Counseling Services

- Lydia's House – 563-7629
  - Rental Counseling
  - Homeowner Counseling
    - Foreclosure Prevention, Debt and Credit Management, Pre and Post Counseling
  - Homebuyer Education
  - Financial Literacy
  - Single Family Rehab Intake
  - HPAP Intake



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## Recommendation 4

Provide technical assistance for owners willing to fix up their property

### Solution

Help homeowners improve their homes

### DHCD Action 1

Awarded Single Family Residential Rehab grant to Housing Counseling Services

### DHCD Action 2

Housing Counseling Services will provide Single Family Residential Rehab intake

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- Housing Counseling Services – 667-7006  
Single Family Residential Rehab Program  
Home Renovation Training
- DCRA Code Enforcement and Abatement  
Ronald Duke, 442-4321,  
email: [Ronald.Duke@dc.Gov](mailto:Ronald.Duke@dc.Gov)
- Apartment Improvement Program  
Michael Lee – 265-7775  
Multi-Family Renovation Loans for 4 Unit Buildings
- DHCD - Vanessa Akins – 442-7259  
Inventoried all properties and will mail letters to owners  
of vacant and abandoned property.